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DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a rotating-bulb furnace for heating a spray-dried powder;

FIG. 2 shows an X-ray diffraction pattern for a black powder having the composition

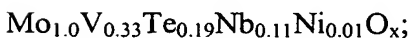


FIG. 3 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern for a material having the composition



FIG. 4 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern for a material having the composition

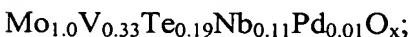


FIG. 5 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

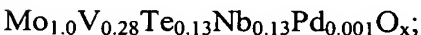


FIG. 6 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

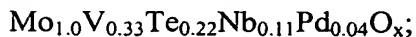
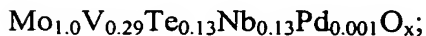


FIG. 7 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition



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FIG. 8 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.33}\text{Te}_{0.19}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{Co}_{0.005}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 9 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.29}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{Co}_{0.004}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 10 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.33}\text{Te}_{0.19}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{Cu}_{0.01}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 11 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.28}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{Cu}_{0.003}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 12 shows the X-ray diffraction spectrum of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.33}\text{Te}_{0.19}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{Bi}_{0.004}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 13 shows the X-ray diffraction spectrum of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.28}\text{Te}_{0.15}\text{Nb}_{0.14}\text{Bi}_{0.005}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 14 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.34}\text{Te}_{0.18}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{Pd}_{0.004}$ ;

FIG. 15 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.28}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{Pb}_{0.001}\text{O}_x$ ;

FIG. 16 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.33}\text{Te}_{0.16}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{O}_x$ ; and

FIG. 17 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.29}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{O}_x$ .

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION